IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a controller including

a server processing part ~~controlling~~ configured to control receipt of a process

request ~~to request~~ for a process from a requesting apparatus, connected to the Web

service providing apparatus via a communication [[line]] network, and transmission

of a process response corresponding to the process request to the requesting apparatus

in accordance with a predetermined protocol;

a condition acquisition control part configured to control, in response to an

instruction from the server processing part, ~~controlling~~ acquisition of target

information designated by the process request from a management apparatus,

connected to the Web service providing apparatus via the communication network,

that manages ~~managing~~ the target information based on a first processable condition

under which the target information is processable [[to]] by the management apparatus

and the Web service providing apparatus; and

a service providing part configured to perform ~~performing~~ the requested

process on the target information and ~~sending~~ to send a result of the process to the

server processing part.

2. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

~~further comprising:~~ wherein the controller includes a processor configured to execute

a program including the condition acquisition control part and the service providing

part;

a control service ~~managing~~ <u>configured to manage</u> a hardware resource used in the

process; and

an operating system <u>configured to control</u> ~~controlling~~ the program and the control

service.

3. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

<u>wherein the controller</u> further ~~comprising~~ <u>includes</u> a client processing part <u>configured to</u>

<u>control,</u> in response to an instruction issued by the condition acquisition control part,

~~controlling~~ transmission of a process request to the management apparatus and receipt of a

process response from the management apparatus in accordance with the predetermined

protocol.

4. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 3,

wherein the condition acquisition control part comprises:

a sequence control part ~~controlling~~ <u>configured to control</u> a sequence of processes to

acquire a second processable condition regarding the target information from the

management apparatus and internally acquire a third processable condition regarding the

target information in the Web service providing apparatus; and

a condition determination part ~~determining~~ <u>configured to determine</u> the first

processable condition based on the second processable condition and the third processable

condition acquired by the sequence control part.

5. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 4,

<u>wherein</u> the sequence control part comprises:

a first control part ~~controlling~~ <u>configured to control</u> the client processing part [[so as]] to acquire the second processable condition from the management apparatus by sending a process request ~~to request~~ <u>for</u> the second processable condition to the management apparatus;

a second control part ~~controlling~~ <u>configured to control</u> the client processing part [[so as]] to acquire the third processable condition from the Web service providing apparatus by internally issuing a process request ~~to request~~ <u>for</u> the third processable condition to the server processing part;

a determination instruction part ~~causing~~ <u>configured to cause</u> the condition determination part to make the determination based on the second processable condition and the third processable condition; and

an information acquisition part ~~acquiring~~ <u>configured to acquire</u> the target information from the management apparatus in accordance with the first processable condition determined by the condition determination part.

6. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 3, <u>wherein</u> the client processing part comprises:

a process request creation part <u>configured to,</u> in response to an instruction issued by the sequence control part, ~~creating~~ <u>create</u> a process request, which is to be sent to the management apparatus, corresponding to the instruction in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ <u>configured to interpret</u> a process response, which is received from the management apparatus, corresponding to the process request and ~~informing~~ <u>to inform</u> a result of the interpretation to the sequence control part.

7. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the service providing part comprises a service execution part executing-[[a]] configured to execute the process corresponding to [[a]] the process request received from the requesting apparatus or a process request that is internally created.

8. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the server processing part comprises:

a process request interpretation part configured to interpret interpreting the process request to request for the process on the target information in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response creation part creating configured to create a process response to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

9. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the process request interpretation part comprises:

a determination part determining configured to determine whether the process request is to acquire the target information from the management apparatus; and

a notification part informing configured to inform the condition acquisition control part of the process request based on a result of the determination made by the determination part.

10. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the process response creation part comprises a control result creation part creating configured to create a process response to indicate a result of the control of the condition acquisition control part in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

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11. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the condition acquisition control part comprises:

an attribute information acquisition part ~~acquiring~~ configured to acquire attribute information regarding the target information from the management apparatus; and

a third control part ~~causing~~ configured to cause the client processing part to internally issue the process request ~~to request~~ for the process on the target information to the client processing part based on the attribute information,

wherein the service providing part ~~executes~~ is configured to execute the process requested by the requesting apparatus via the server processing part based on the attribute information.

12. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a display part[[,]] ~~the display part comprising:~~ including

a first display part ~~displaying~~ configured to display a list of selectable apparatuses that a user is allowed to select among apparatuses connected via the communication [[line]] network;

a second display part configured to, when the user selects a desired apparatus from the list of apparatuses, ~~displaying~~ display a list of information items managed by the management apparatus; and

an apparatus determination part configured to, when the user designates a desired information item from the list of information items and the desired apparatus from the list of selectable apparatuses, ~~determining~~ determine the designated apparatus as a processing apparatus to perform the process.

13. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the second display part ~~displays~~ is configured to display the information items in a reduced size on the display part.

14. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the requesting apparatus is one of the Web service providing apparatus, the management apparatus, and a terminal connected to each other via the communication [[line]] network.

15. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication [[line]] network is one of a network communication line including a wireless LAN, a serial communication line including an infrared communication, and a parallel communication line.

16. (Original) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined protocol is a Simple Object Access Protocol.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a Web service for a Web service providing apparatus, the method comprising:

a server processing step of controlling receipt of a process request ~~to request~~ for a process from a requesting apparatus, connected to the Web service providing apparatus via a communication [[line]] network, and transmission of a process response corresponding to the process request to the requesting apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol;

a condition acquisition control step of controlling, corresponding to an instruction

from the server processing step, acquisition of target information designated by the process

request from a management apparatus, connected to the Web service providing apparatus via

the communication network, that manages ~~managing~~ the target information based on a first

processable condition under which the target information is processable [[to]] by the

management apparatus and the Web service providing apparatus; and

a service providing step of performing the requested process on the target information

and informing the server processing step of a result of the process.

18. (Currently Amended) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a controller including

a service providing part ~~managing~~ configured to manage target information

and ~~providing~~ to provide the target information to a processing apparatus, which

performs a process on the target information, in accordance with a first processable

condition received from the processing apparatus;

a process request interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret a

process request to request the process in accordance with a predetermined ~~portocol~~

protocol and ~~informing~~ to inform the service providing part of the process; and

a process ~~request~~ response creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create a process

response to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined

protocol.

19. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim

18, wherein the service providing part comprises a processable condition providing part

configured to, in response to receipt of a process request to acquire a second processable

condition with respect to the processing apparatus, ~~sending~~ send a process response to

indicate the second processable condition in accordance with the predetermined protocol, and

after the transmission of the process response to indicate the second processable condition,

the service providing part ~~provides~~ being configured to provide the target information to the

processing apparatus in accordance with the first processable condition received from the

processing apparatus.

20. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim

18, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the controller further comprises:

a process request creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create the process request for ~~to~~

~~request~~ the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret the received

process response corresponding to the process request.

21. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim

18, further comprising:

a display part[[,]] ~~the display part comprising:~~ including

a first display part ~~displaying~~ configured to display a list of selectable

apparatuses that a user is allowed to select among apparatuses connected via a

communication line;

a second display part configured to, when the user selects a desired apparatus

from the list of selectable apparatuses, ~~displaying~~ display a list of information items

managed by the selected apparatus; and

an apparatus determination part configured to, when the user designates a

desired information item from the list of information items and the desired apparatus

from the list of selectable apparatuses, ~~determining~~ determine the designated

apparatus as the processing apparatus.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a Web service for a Web service

providing apparatus, the method comprising:

a service providing step of managing target information and providing the target

information to a processing apparatus to perform a process on the target information based on

a first processable condition received from the processing apparatus;

a process request interpretation step of interpreting a process request to request the

process in accordance with a predetermined protocol and informing the service providing step

of the process; and

a process ~~request~~ response creation step of creating a process response to indicate a

result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

23. (Currently Amended) A terminal, comprising:

a display unit;

a process request creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create a process request to cause

a first apparatus to acquire target information managed by a second apparatus from the

second apparatus and perform a process on the target information in accordance with a

predetermined protocol, wherein the first apparatus, the second apparatus, and the terminal

are connected to each other via a communication network;

a process response interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret a process

response corresponding to the process request and ~~acquiring~~ to acquire a result of the process

performed by the first apparatus; and

a display control part ~~displaying~~ <u>configured to display</u> the result of the process on

[[a]] <u>the</u> display unit of the terminal.

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording medium for storing a program to~~ <u>computer-readable storage medium having embedded therein instructions, which when executed by a processor,</u> cause a terminal to ~~execute a procedure~~ <u>perform a method,</u> ~~the procedure~~ comprising:

a process request creation step of creating a process request to request a first apparatus to acquire target information managed by a second apparatus from the second apparatus and perform a process on the target information in accordance with a predetermined protocol<u>, wherein the first apparatus, the second apparatus, and the terminal are connected to each other via a communication network</u>;

a process response interpretation step of interpreting a process response corresponding to the process request and acquiring a result of the process of the first apparatus; and

a display control step of displaying the result of the process on a display unit of the terminal.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Withdrawn) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a server processing part controlling receipt of a process request to request a process from a requesting apparatus connected to the Web service providing apparatus via a communication line and transmission of a process response corresponding to the process request to the requesting apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol;

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a condition acquisition control part, in response to an instruction from the server processing part, controlling transmission of target information designated by the process request to a processing apparatus based on a first processable condition under which the target information is processable to the processing apparatus and the Web service providing apparatus; and

a service providing part, in response to receipt of a result of the process performed by the processing apparatus on the target information, informing the server processing part of the result of the process.

27. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, further comprising:

a program including the condition acquisition control part and the service providing part;

a control service managing a hardware resource used in the process; and

an operating system controlling the program and the control service.

28. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a client processing part, in response to an instruction issued by the condition acquisition control part, controlling transmission of a process request to the processing apparatus and receipt of a process response from the processing apparatus in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

29. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein the condition acquisition control part comprises:

a sequence control part controlling a sequence of processes to acquire a second

processable condition regarding the target information from the processing apparatus and

internally acquire a third processable condition regarding the target information from the

Web service providing apparatus; and

a condition determination part determining the first processable condition based on

the second processable condition and the third processable condition acquired by the

sequence control part.

30. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 29,

wherein the sequence control part comprises:

a first control part controlling the client processing part so as to acquire the second

processable condition from the processing apparatus by sending a process request to request

the second processable condition to the processing apparatus;

a second control part controlling the client processing part so as to acquire the third

processable condition from the Web service providing apparatus by internally issuing a

process request to request the third processable condition to the server processing part;

a determination instruction part causing the condition determination part to make the

determination based on the second processable condition and the third processable condition;

and

an information transmission part sending the target information to the processing

apparatus in accordance with the first processable condition determined by the condition

determination part.

31. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in 29, wherein the

client processing part comprises:

a process request creation part, in response to an instruction issued by the sequence

control part, creating a process request, which is sent to the processing apparatus,

corresponding to the instruction in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part interpreting a process response, which is

received from the processing apparatus, corresponding to the process request and informing a

result of the interpretation of the sequence control part.

32. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26,

wherein the service providing part comprises a service execution part executing a process

corresponding to a process request received from the requesting apparatus or internally

created.

33. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26,

wherein the server processing part comprises:

a process request interpretation part interpreting the process request to request the

process on the target information in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response creation part creating a process response to indicate a result of the

process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

34. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in 33, wherein the

process request interpretation part comprises:

a determination part determining whether the process request is to send the target

information to the processing apparatus; and

a notification part informing the condition acquisition control part of the process

request based on a result of the determination made by the determination part.

35. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein the process response creation part comprises a control result creation part creating a process response to indicate a result of the control of the condition acquisition control part in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

36. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a display part, the display part comprising:

a first display part displaying a list of selectable apparatuses that a user is allowed to select among apparatuses connected via a communication line;

a second display part, when the user selects a desired apparatus from the list of selectable apparatuses, displaying a list of information items managed by the selected apparatus on the display part; and

an apparatus determination part, when the user designates a desired information item from the list of information items and the desired apparatus from the list of selectable apparatuses, determining the designated apparatus as a processing apparatus.

37. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein the second display part displays the information items in a reduced size on the display part.

38. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein the requesting apparatus is one of the Web service providing apparatus, the processing apparatus, and a terminal connected to each other via the communication line.

39. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein the communication line is one of a network communication line including a wireless LAN, a serial communication line including an infrared communication, and a parallel communication line.

40. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein the predetermined protocol is a Simple Object Access Protocol.

41. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a Web service for a Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a server processing step of controlling receipt of a process request to request a process from a requesting apparatus connected to the Web service providing apparatus via a communication line and transmission of a process response corresponding to the process request to the requesting apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol;

a condition acquisition control step of controlling, corresponding to an instruction from the server processing step, transmission of target information designated by the process request to a processing apparatus processing the target information based on a first processable condition under which the target information is processable to the processing apparatus and the Web service providing apparatus; and

a service providing step of performing the requested process on the target information and informing the server processing step of a result of the process.

42. (Currently Amended) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a controller including

a service providing part ~~performing~~ configured to perform a process on target

information received from a management apparatus ~~managing~~ that manages the target

information in accordance with a first processable condition and ~~providing~~ to provide

a result of the process to the management apparatus;

a process request interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret a

process request ~~to request~~ for the process in accordance with a predetermined protocol

and ~~informing~~ to inform the service providing part of the process; and

a process request creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create a process response

to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

43. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim

42, wherein the service providing part comprises a processable condition providing part

configured to, in response to receipt of a process request to acquire a second processable

condition with respect to the management apparatus, ~~sending~~ send a process response to

indicate the second processable condition in accordance with the predetermined protocol, and

after the transmission of the second processable condition, the service providing part ~~provides~~

being configured to provide a result of the process on the target information received from

the management apparatus in accordance with the first processable condition.

44. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim

42, further comprising:

a process request creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create the process request for ~~to~~

~~request~~ the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret the received

process response corresponding to the process request.

45. (Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:

a display part, the display part ~~comprising~~ including:

a first display part ~~displaying~~ configured to display a list of selectable apparatuses that a user is allowed to select among apparatuses connected via the communication line;

a second display part configured to, when the user selects a desired apparatus from the list of selectable apparatuses, ~~displaying~~ display a list of information items managed by the selected apparatus; and

an apparatus determination part configured to, when the user designates a desired information item from the list of information items and the desired apparatus from the list of selectable apparatuses, ~~determining~~ determine the designated apparatus as a processing apparatus.

46. (Original) A method of providing a Web service for a Web service providing apparatus, the method comprising:

a service providing step of performing a process on target information received from a management apparatus managing the target information in accordance with a first processable condition and providing a result of the process to the management apparatus;

a process request interpretation step of interpreting a process request to request the process in accordance with a predetermined protocol and informing the service providing step of the process; and

a process request creation step of creating a process response to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

47. (Currently Amended) A terminal, comprising:

a display unit;

a process request creation part ~~creating~~ configured to create a process request to cause a first apparatus to perform a process on target information managed by a second apparatus by sending the target information to the first apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol, wherein the first apparatus, the second apparatus, and the terminal are connected to each other via a communication network;

a process response interpretation part ~~interpreting~~ configured to interpret a process response corresponding to the process request and ~~acquiring~~ to acquire a result of the process performed by the first apparatus; and

a display control part ~~displaying~~ configured to display the result of the process on a display unit of the terminal.

48. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording medium for storing a program to~~ computer-readable storage medium having embedded therein instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause a terminal to ~~execute a procedure, the procedure~~ perform a method comprising:

a process request creating step of creating a process request to cause a first apparatus to perform a process on target information managed by a second apparatus by sending the target information to the first apparatus, wherein the first apparatus, the second apparatus, and the terminal are connected to each other via a communication network;

a process response interpretation step of interpreting a process response corresponding to the process request and acquiring a result of the process performed by the first apparatus; and

a display control step of displaying the result of the process on a display unit of the

terminal.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Withdrawn) A terminal connected to a management apparatus managing target

information and a processing apparatus processing the target information via a

communication line, comprising:

a client processing part controlling transmission of a process request to request a

process to the management apparatus and the processing apparatus and receipt of a process

response corresponding to the process request from the management apparatus and the

processing apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process control part acquiring a first processable condition, under which the target

information is processable to the processing apparatus, and controlling the client processing

part so that the processing apparatus is allowed to perform the process on the target

information in accordance with the first processable condition.

51. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 50, wherein the process control

part comprises:

a first sequence control part controlling a sequence of processes to acquire a second

processable condition, under which the target information is acquirable from the management

apparatus, from the management apparatus;

a second sequence control part controlling a sequence of processes to acquire a third

processable condition, under which the target information is writable in the processing

apparatus, from the processing apparatus; and

a condition determination part determining the first processable condition based on

the second processable condition and the third processable condition.

52. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 51, wherein the process control

part comprises a third sequence control part controlling a sequence of processes such that the

processing apparatus copies the target information from the management apparatus to the

processing apparatus in accordance with the first processable condition determined by the

condition determination part.

53. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 51, wherein the process control

part comprises a fourth sequence control part controlling a sequence of processes such that

the management apparatus writes the target information in the processing apparatus in

accordance with the first processable condition determined by the condition determination

part.

54. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 50, further comprising:

a process request creation part creating a process request corresponding to a command

issued by the process control part in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part interpreting a process response received from

the management apparatus or the processing apparatus corresponding to a process request.

55. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 54, further comprising an

operation part operating the process on the target information managed by the management

apparatus, the process control part creates the process request by controlling the process

request creation part.

56. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 55, wherein the operation part comprises a display part displaying a first display area and a second display area on a display unit of the terminal, the first display area where a list of apparatuses including the management apparatus and the processing apparatus is displayed, the second display area where a list of information items managed by the management apparatus is displayed, and the condition acquisition control part operates corresponding to copying manipulation or moving manipulation of the target information, which is displayed in the second display area, toward the processing apparatus, which is displayed in the first display area.

57. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 56, wherein the operation part comprises a first process designation part enabling a user to designate a type of process through copying manipulation or moving manipulation.

58. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 57, wherein the operation part further comprises a second process designation part enabling the user to designate a process method corresponding to the designated type of process.

59. (Withdrawn) The terminal as claimed in claim 56, wherein the operation part further comprises a third process designation part enabling the user to designate a processing order of a plurality of information items that the user designates in the second display area.

60. (Withdrawn) A recording medium for storing a program to cause a terminal to execute a procedure wherein the terminal is connected to a management apparatus managing

target information and a processing apparatus processing the target information via a

communication line, the procedure comprising:

a client processing step of controlling transmission of a process request to request a

process to the management apparatus and the processing apparatus and receipt of a process

response corresponding to the process request from the management apparatus and the

processing apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process control step of acquiring a first processable condition, under which the

target information is processable to the processing apparatus, and controlling the client

processing step so that the processing apparatus is allowed to perform the process on the

target information in accordance with the first processable condition.

61. (Withdrawn) A program to cause a terminal to execute a procedure wherein the

terminal is connected to a management apparatus managing target information and a

processing apparatus processing the target information via a communication line, the

procedure comprising:

a client processing step of controlling transmission of a process request to request a

process to the management apparatus and the processing apparatus and receipt of a process

response corresponding to the process request from the management apparatus and the

processing apparatus in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process control step of acquiring a first processable condition, under which the

target information is processable to the processing apparatus, and controlling the client

processing step so that the processing apparatus is allowed to perform the process on the

target information in accordance with the first processable condition.

62. (Withdrawn) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

an information management part managing target information;

a condition notification part, in response to receipt of a request to acquire a second processable condition regarding on the target information from a terminal connected to the Web service providing apparatus via a communication line, informing the terminal of the second processable condition; and

a service providing part, in response to receipt of a request to acquire the target information in accordance with the first processable condition, which is within the second processable condition, from the processing apparatus, providing the target information, which is acquired from the information management part, to the processing apparatus.

63. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 62, further comprising:

a program including the condition notification part and the service providing part;

a control service managing a hardware resource used in the process; and

an operating system controlling the program and the control service.

64. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 62, further comprising:

a process request interpretation part interpreting the process request to request the process in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process response creation part creating a process response to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

65. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 64, wherein the process request interpretation part interprets a process

request, which is received from the terminal, to acquire a processable condition ~~regrading~~

regarding the target information, and the process response creation part creates a process

response to indicate the second processable condition.

66. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a Web service, the method comprising:

an information management step of managing target information;

a condition notification step, in response to receipt of a request to acquire a second

processable condition regarding on the target information from a terminal connected via a

communication line, informing the terminal of the second processable condition; and

a service providing step, in response to receipt of a request to acquire the target

information in accordance with the first processable condition, which is within the second

processable condition, from the processing apparatus, providing the target information, which

is acquired from the information management part, to the processing apparatus.

67. (Withdrawn) A Web service providing apparatus, comprising:

a condition notification part, in response to receipt of a request to acquire a third

processable condition regarding target information managed by a management apparatus

from a terminal connected to the Web service providing apparatus via a communication line,

informing the terminal of the third processable condition;

a process request interpretation part interpreting a process request to perform a

process on the target information in accordance with a first processable condition, which is

within the third processable condition received from the terminal in accordance with a

predetermined protocol; and

a process response creation part creating a process response to indicate a result of the

process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

68. (Withdrawn) The Web service providing apparatus as claimed in claim 67, further comprising:

a process request creation part creating the process request to acquire the target information in accordance with the first processable condition in accordance with the predetermined protocol; and

a process response interpretation part interpreting the process response indicate the target information received from the management apparatus in accordance with the predetermined protocol.

69. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a Web service, comprising:

a condition notification step, in response to receipt of a request to acquire a third processable condition regarding target information managed by a management apparatus from a terminal connected via a communication line, of informing the terminal of the third processable condition;

a process request interpretation step of interpreting a process request to perform a process on the target information in accordance with a first processable condition, which is within the third processable condition received from the terminal in accordance with a predetermined protocol; and

a process response creation part of creating a process response to indicate a result of the process in accordance with the predetermined protocol.